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SUBJ: ICCS: HUNGDEL CONVERSATION WITH NSC MEMBER JOHN LEHMAN

WHITE HOUSE FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

1. SUMMARY. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL JOHN LEHMAN MET WITH HUNGDEL ALTERNATE DELEGATE URANOVICZ JULY 12 FOR TOUR D'HORIZON OF ICCS MATTERS WITH FOCUS ON HUNGDEL/POLDEL OBSTRUCTIONISM. WHILE THERE WAS LITTLE NEW IN HUNGDEL PRESENTATION, URANOVICZ WAS MOST CRITICAL OF CANDEL ACTIVITIES AND AMB GAUVIN IN PARTICULAR AND ALSO INTIMATED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON RECORD THAT HUNGDEL WAS MORE VALUABLE ICCS PARTICIPANT THAN POLDEL. END SUMMARY.

2. LEHMAN OPENED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION BY REQUESTING APPRAISAL  
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OF ICCS CONTRIBUTIONS IN LIGHT OF RANK HUNGDEL/POLDEL PARTIALITY

FOR PRG AS EVIDENCED IN ICCS INVESTIGATION RESULTS. SUCH PARTIALITY, LEHMAN MENTIONED, ADVERSELY AFFECTED PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT OF ICCS AND HAD ALREADY BEEN NOTICED IN CONGRESS AND ELSEWHERE. URANOVICZ REPLIED WITH STRONG CRITICISM OF CANDEL WHICH FROM THE BEGINNING HAD SUPPORTED GVN. DESPITE HAVING OPERATED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD LIKE CYPRUS AS FORCE FOR DETENTE, URANOVICZ SAID CANDEL ACTIONS IN ICCS WERE STRICTLY "COLD WAR" AND AMB GAUVIN WAS PRINCIPAL WARRIOR. URANOVICZ NOTED IN COMPARISON THAT HUNGDEL HAD DELIBERATELY STAFFED ITS DEL BEGINNING WITH AMB ESZTERGALYOS WITH PEOPLE FAMILIAR WITH THE WEST AND NEGOTIATION PROCESS.

3. AS FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT, URANOVICZ FLATLY SAID HUNGDEL WAS NOT INTERESTED SINCE ITS CONTRIBUTION THROUGH ICCS PARTICIPATION TO RESOLVING VIET NAM PROBLEM RESTED ON "SILENT DIPLOMACY". WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO VALUE OF SILENT DIPLOMACY IF IT WAS SO SILENT NO ONE KNEW ABOUT IT OR COULD MEASURE ITS EFFECT, URANOVICZ COULD ONLY SUGGEST IN EFFECT THAT TIME WOULD TELL.

4. CONCERNING NVA INFILTRATION OF MEN AND SUPPLIES, URANOVICZ JUSTIFIED IT AS COUNTER-WEIGHT TO GREAT AMOUNTS OF WAR MATERIEL LEFT TO GVN BY US IN PERIOD JUST PRECEDING CEASEFIRE. FOLLOWING CEASEFIRE,

URANOVICZ INTIMATED THAT PRG WAS PREPARED TO FOLLOW PARIS AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS BUT WAS THROWN ON DEFENSIVE BY MASSIVE GVN ATTACKS. PRG THEN CHANGED TACTICS IN MARCH, ACCORDING TO URANOVICZ, PURSUING MORE ACTIVE POLICY AGAINST GVN ENCROACHMENTS WHICH RESULTED IN FLOOD OF GVN REQUESTS FOR ICCS INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED PRG VIOLATIONS.

THIS FURTHER ILLUSTRATES, URANOVICZ SAID, WHAT WAS REPEATEDLY REFERRED

TO AS THE "MOCKERY" OF ICCS INVESTIGATION PROCESS. WHEN ASKED HOW ICCS MIGHT BETTER DO ITS JOB, URANOVICZ FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT HE SAW LITTLE HOPE OF SUCCESS IN TPJMC BUT THAT ICCS COULD COMPENSATE FOR TPJMC FAILURES BY PLAYING MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN CONSULTATION PROCESS BETWEEN TWO PARTIES. IN THE OPINION OF URANOVICZ, ICCS SHOULD BE CATALYST IN BRINGING PARTIES TOGETHER.

5. URANOVICZ SEEMED EAGER FOR ANOTHER COUNTRY TO BE NAMED AS CANDEL REPLACEMENT AND SUGGESTED THAT IF ICCS WOULD BE REDUCED TO TWO DELS, POLDEL WOULD REMAIN ON ICCS. HOWEVER, URANOVICZ  
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CLEARLY CONVEYED IN SO MANY WORDS THAT HUNGDEL'S CONTRIBUTION TO ICCS HAS FAR SURPASSED POLDEL'S.

6. COMMENT: IN HUNGDEL'S MIND, ULTIMATE DEFENSE FOR THEIR FLAGRANT PARTIALITY AS WELL AS THEIR EXPLANATION FOR MATTERS LIKE NVA INFILTRATION OF MEN AND SUPPLIES CONTINUES TO BE BASED ON PREMISE THAT THESE ARE JUST ACTIONS TO REDRESS UNBALANCED SITUATION. TAKING THEIR ASSUMPTION ONE STEP FURTHER, ONLY WHEN SITUATION IS BALANCED

ON HUNGDEL SCORE-CARD CAN RECONCILIATION BE ACHIEVED.  
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